

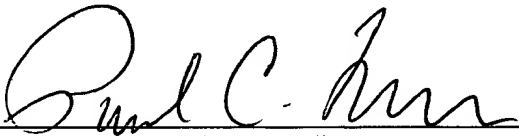
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL	20	-	20	=	0	\$ 18	\$0.00
INDEPENDENT	4	-	4	=	0	\$ 88	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						\$300	\$0.00
						TOTAL	\$0.00

- ☒ Petition for three (3) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$980.00 for the extension of time.
- ☐ No fee is required.
- ☒ Check(s) in the amount of **\$980.00** is(are) enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Response Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116**  
**Expedited Procedure Examining**  
**Group 2175**

**PATENT**  
**1982-0137P**

**IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Wataru ITO Conf.: 3285  
Appl. No.: 09/400,297 Group: 2175  
Filed: September 21, 1999 Examiner: MAHMOUDI, H  
For: IMAGE ENCRYPTING METHOD, IMAGE ENCRYPTING DEVICE,  
RECORDING MEDIUM ON WHICH IMAGE ENCRYPTING  
PROCEDURES ARE RECORDED, AND RECORDING MEDIUM  
ON WHICH ENCRYPTED IMAGE FILE IS RECORDED

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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November 16, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Final Office Action dated May 19, 2004, the period for reply having been extended three (3) months to November 19, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**This reply includes:**

**Amendments to the Claims; and**  
**Remarks.**

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